

GLOBAL ACADEMIC INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK

The University of Essex chairs the **GAIN**, which has three key objectives: to promote **research** to support the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees, to strengthen **teaching** and **training** on forced displacement and statelessness issues, and to foster **solidarity** with displaced students and scholars.



ABOUT US

The Global Compact on Refugees, affirmed in December 2018 by the UN General Assembly, specifies that “a **global academic network on refugee, other forced displacement, and statelessness issues will be established, involving universities, academic alliances, and research institutions, together with UNHCR and other relevant stakeholders.**” (paragraph 43). Launched at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum. GAIN facilitates the **Implementation of the Compact through research, teaching and solidarity with displaced scholars and students.**



To become a member of the network
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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE



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RESEARCH FINDINGS

GAIN, supported by UNHCR, links academics to policymakers and highlights, in particular, the contributions from academic institutions in low-and middle-income contexts



OFFER

TEACHING AND TRAINING

GAIN supports universities in developing teaching and training programmes on forced displacement upon request



SUPPORT

FORCED DISPLACED SCHOLARS

GAIN encourages the inclusion of persons with lived experience of displacement in academic and university programmes (e.g. scholarships, employment, services and participatory research).



For more information access
globalcompactrefugees.org/global-academic-interdisciplinary-network-landing

GLOBAL ACADEMIC INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK IN ACTION

SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO ACADEMIC CHAIRS



EXPANDING THE DE MELLO CHAIRS

Introduced in Brazil as a partnership between UNHCR and higher education institutions, the model has been adopted by 35 universities in Brazil and aims to increase protection and solutions for forcibly displaced and stateless persons through academic partnerships on local teaching and research on forced displacement, and community outreach to forcibly displaced persons (services, scholarships, diploma validation, etc).

ONGOING INITIATIVES

Teaching in Ethiopia

The University of Addis Ababa started to develop its first course on forced displacement in 2022.

Research in the Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo Institute of Technology invested in research on gender, forced displacement and statelessness in 2021 and is including stateless women in its Psycho-social Support Community Services.

Community Outreach in Brazil

In 2021, 28 Brazilian universities provided legal, health, psycho-social and integration assistance to 2,800 forcibly displaced persons.

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